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1. Applicants' amendment filed 12/16/2008 has been fully considered; however, the amendment has not been entered given that it introduces new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.
2. With respect to new issue, claim 1 introduces the new limitation that "the water-soluble component being a value obtained by measuring an amount of the water-soluble component in a water-soluble component extract solution in which the water-soluble component of the water absorbent resin composition is extracted, the water-soluble component extract solution being prepared by adding the water absorbent resin composition to a saline and stirring the mixture thus obtained". This is in contrast to the earlier amended claim, filed on 7/15/2008, which recited that "water-soluble component of the water absorbent composition is 35 wt% or less" without mentioning the process by which the water-soluble component is obtained." Therefore, present amendment would require further consideration and/or search.

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